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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuo ASADA

Group Art Unit: 3653

Application No.: 10/695,827

Examiner: T. MORRISON

Filed: October 30, 2003

Docket No.: 117637

For: SHEET FEED DEVICE FOR FEEDING CUT SHEETS WHILE INTERPOSING  
SHORTENED INTERVAL BETWEEN SUCCESSIVELY FED TWO SHEETS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 10, 2006,  
Applicant asserts that each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier and that  
the Amendment filed April 17, 2006 is correct.

The outstanding Office Action indicates that Fig. 2 was elected on January 26, 2005,  
notwithstanding Applicant's election on May 27, 2005. Because Fig. 2 was inadvertently  
elected, the claims were reevaluated to determine which claims actually read on elected  
Fig. 2. After further review, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 15 and 17-19 read on the elected Fig. 2 and  
claims 1 and 12 remain generic to the pending non-elected claims. Accordingly, each claim  
has been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicant's representative contacted  
Examiner Morrison and the Examiner appeared to agree with this approach.

Should there be any questions or comments in this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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